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SUMMER FROM ONLY HOLTDAYS

RESIDENTS WANT RIGHT OF PASSAGE TO KEEP OUT YOBS

A TOWN-centre highway is one step closer to being gated off thanks to the behaviour of drunken yobs.

Residents of St Mary's Churchyard took their battle to get a gate installed a step further at a meeting with council officials, police and the community safety partnership at the Civic Centre.

The residents say they regularly put up with drunken yobs urinating through their letterboxes, banging on their doors and occasionally smashing windows.

The main problems occur at the weekend for residents close to Churchyard Passageway.

Householder Jeremy Adby said: "There is definitely a pattern emergBY **ED HILL**

ing. We do not want the alleyway closed all the time, only when it is needed."

Following an earlier meeting with residents, four suggestions were made to help improve the situation, including more lighting, moving a CCTV camera, signs and the option of a gating order to prevent access to Churchyard passageway.

Residents doubted the first three

Residents doubted the first three options would make any significant difference to the problem.

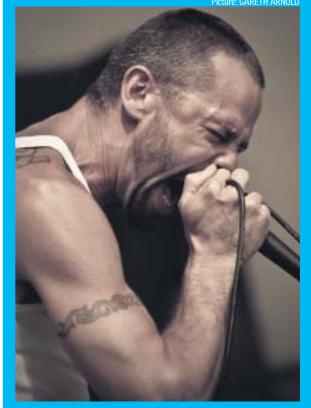
Ashford council chief executive, John Bunnett said the council was prepared to pay for improved lighting but moving the CCTV camera would set a dangerous precedent and would not offer the continual monitoring residents would like.

Most residents at the meeting felt the only solution to the problem was the introduction of gates across the alleyway.

Resident Chris Cooper said: "By getting a gating order we are saving money. Rather than spend money on this that and the other we could take the problem away in one move."

However, Graham Rustling from Kent County Council, who is responsible for highways, said getting a gating order was a slow process that could be delayed even further by any objection from the emergency services or local people, and it could be opened up to a public enquiry. He estimated the total

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FESTIVAL CREATES A STIR ONCE AGAIN

Create Music Festival celebrated its biggest and best year yet with more stages, a bar and 11,000 visitors over the course of the day.

The borough's free festival has become one of the biggest music events

The borough's free festival has become one of the biggest music events in the Kent calendar, and the numbers spoke for themselves as thousands enjoyed music in the sun at Victoria Park.

Headliners, Green Day tribute band Green Date, enjoyed a warm recep-

Headliners, Green Day tribute band Green Date, enjoyed a warm reception from the crowd, who had been treated to dozens of top Kent acts over four stages.

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Family beat Branson across the channel in kite surfing record bid

BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

SIR Richard Branson has been advised to enjoy the experience when attempts to kitesurf across the Channel - by a young family who have just done so.

Ralph Crathorne and his two daughters Lucy and Polly completed the feat on Wednesday last week, ahead of the billionaire Virgin boss's

own planned crossing next month.

In doing so they believe they've sailed into the record books after successfully completing the journey in three hours and 45 minutes, having set off from Dungeness Point.

The sport involves riding along the water on a customised surfboard while being pulled along by a kite.

Exhilarating

Lucy, 21, who has competed in the sport at national level said: "It didn't sink in that we were actually cross-ing the Channel until the halfway point, I saw France in the distance and just thought 'this is ridiculous."

Her sister Polly, 16, found the whole

experience exhilarating.
She said: "When I realised we were

going to make it, I turned to Lucy and we just laughed."

But instead of being inspired by Sir Richard's attempt, the Crathornes said they had been planning to complete the crossing for some time and the opportunity only came about recently after a friend offered to provide a support boat.

Ralph, 51, said: "It was all a bit last minute. We aimed to go from Dungeness to Wimereux, but the currents and light winds forced us further south. We covered about 30 miles before our kites ditched into the water by Boulogne harbour."

Wife and mum Cally, who was in the support boat, said: "It was a fantastic day but the winds were light and variable so the conditions were



RECORD BREAKERS: (I-r) Richard Jones. Lucy, Ralph and Polly Crathorne at Dungeness before their attempt

"We had to watch out for vessels in the shipping lanes and judge when to let them pass.

'French coastguards don't like you landing on the beach and we noticed there were two policemen there waiting for us. So once they landed by the harbour wall we quickly picked up the equipment and went home."

A family friend who joined them, Richard Jones, could not complete the crossing after his kite suffered a puncture.

The Crathornes, from Wingham near Canterbury, have been learning the sport for six years and usually sail from Greatstone, Sandwich Bay and Camber in East Sussex.

They think they have set a number of records, including for the first women to kite-surf the channel, Polly as the youngest person to do so and Ralph the oldest.

However, the latter could yet be beaten by Sir Richard, who turned 60 this month, when he and his children Holly, Sam and nephews set off from Dungeness sometime in August.

The Crathorne family might be on holiday kitesurfing elsewhere by then, but hope to pass on their best wishes to the Virgin boss with a few tips through a mutual friend.
Polly, who is second in the ladies

amateur freestyle section of the UK 2010 kitesurf tour, thanked her sponsor Windsor.



ALLEYWAY: Residents are fed up with drunks urinating in Churchyard Passageway

Temporary closure might be workable

cost of installing the gates was about

John Bunnett suggested that a temporary closure might be the way forward, so it could be proved a gate would be the permanent answer. He also said the council would not support a gate if it just moved the problems to the other side of the square.

Mr Adby revealed the alleyway had

been gated for 25 years in the 19th Century.

But Mr Rustling said he was unclear how a temporary closure could be put in place under current legislation.

Mr Bunnett said: "We need to find

some mechanism to see if this works, even if it is just two people standing there turning people back." Council officials said they would

investigate what was possible and report back to the residents.

Jeremy Adby said: "It is a gamble worth trying because the situation is not getting any better."

Clinic offers new hope to epilepsy sufferers

PEOPLE from Ashford diagnosed with epilepsy will now be referred to a new clinic in Margate.

It is part of a new service introduced in east Kent designed to reduce the need for hospital treatment.

About 4,000 people suffer from the condition in the area. The service allows patients already diagnosed by a neurologist to be cared for in a more relaxed setting.

Dr Greg Rogers, a specialists in epilepsy, said: "Epilepsy is a serious condition and there remains a lot of stigma which can be upsetting for patients. Seizures not only upset and affect their quality of life but puts them at risk of injury - plus, uncontrolled seizures can sometimes be fatal.

"We are hoping to improve the lives of patients by trying to reduce the side effects of their medication and reduce harmful risk by eradicating their seizures.

The care is available through the NHS's online Choose and Book system.

Milkman is cream of the crop

A MILKMAN from Ashford has won a national award.

Andrew Hill is a self-employed milkman at Dairy Crest's Ashford

The 54 year old came second out of more than 1,500 self-employed milk men who do the rounds for the com-

He has worked in the dairy industry for over 14 years and his milk round takes in Ashford and Wye, delivering to 675 customers. Dairy Crest says Mr Hill is always

willing to take time to help his customers whether it be to unscrew a tight jam-jar lid or change a tricky

His customers say nothing is too much trouble for him and describe him as a wholly dependable and cheerful. His face is a well-known sight in the local community.

Mike Sheldon, a managing director of Dairy Crest said: "The amount of feedback we have received, through our Dairy Crest Self Employed Recognition Scheme, is testament to the dedication and happiness our milkmen show each day. Andrew is a

credit to the industry."

Mr Hill said: "So much has changed in my time as a milkman and I've never stopped enjoying the job. Back in the day everyone ordered semi-skimmed milk and then the occasional pint of orange juice or eggs.

"Now I deliver a huge range of products. The regular pint can now be anything from organic soya milk to 1 per cent fat milk and then all sorts of other items from pet food and bin bags to croissants and bacon."



DELIVERING THE GOODS: Andrew Hill

Cabbies to lobby over new station proposals

BY **ED HILL**

TAXI drivers say they will lobby the Government over the controversial station forecourt development that was given the go-ahead by Ashford council last week.

Tracey Ruck, a GMB union representative for the drivers, said: "The new Government has written to all councils enquiring about local involvement in the setting of local spending priorities. Until they have received these responses they are not going to release the funds. We want to lobby them until then."

The drivers are unhappy about the rank being moved away from the station entrance and over to a car park the other side of the Stour River.

The £2.5 million plaza was approved by the executive with the provision that a report was made taking account of taxi drivers' concerns.

The council also wanted to ensure the project would continue after the Government announced it would be abolishing development bodies such as South East Development

Mrs Ruck said drivers had not been allowed to take part in a site visit by members of the Joint Transportation Board who said they would look into the issues raised.

She said: "It wasn't really a site visit; it was a presentation from Ashford's Future in their office in International House. They just observed the situation from the seventh floor. We thought they would come out on to the



RANK OUTSIDER: An artist's impression of how the new station forecourt will look – without a taxi rank at the exit

forecourt and have a walk round."

"We weren't even aware it was again going to be discussed at the council executive meeting. It came up as a last-minute addition to the agenda."

The drivers say they also hope to talk with council leader Paul Bartlett.

She said: "We are here for the passengers' convenience. They are happy to pay a premium to use a taxi rather than a bus for a door-to-door journey. Just improving the signs to the taxis is not going to be enough.

"The only group of travellers that will benefit from the changes will be the cyclists. It may not be a nice environment for pedestrians but that is because the traffic restrictions are not enforced properly at the moment."

A spokesman for Ashford's Future said they were waiting for funding to be released from the Homes and Communities Agency but it had not been taken by recent Government cuts. The meeting with the Joint Transportation Board was only intended for members of the committee and the item was added to the executive agenda so members had the opportunity to express their views on the plans formally.

Neil Bowsher from Optimum Consultancy, who is advising on the project, said: "We've demonstrated to the taxi drivers the visibility of the new rank with some sections and computer images, and are also discussing with Southeastern options to make minor changes to the car park A drop-off zone."

Drummer supports hostel open day

KENT homeless charity Porchlight is holding an open-house event to give people a unique insight into life at a

The event is being backed by former Clash drummer Nick Topper' Headon who attended an open day at one of the charity's accommodation projects last

He said: "Having homeless myself I appreciate and respect what Porchlight does in the local community and am proud to be associated with the great work

Mike Barrett, chief executive of Porchlight, says the event is intend- SUPPORTER: Clash barriers.



ed to break down drummer Nick Headon

He said: "This is a very unique opportunity for the public to see the work we do first-hand and understand better what hostel life is like."

Ashford's MP Damian Green will also be popping in to get a glimpse of the

work the charity carries out.

Mr Barrett added: "Often people have very negative misconceptions about the vulnerable group of people we support and the way in which homeless charities

"The type of support we are able to provide has developed considerably in the charity's 35 years and I would like to encourage people to come and see for themselves what we are doing for local communities."

Open House will be taking place on Saturday, July 31, between 10am and 2pm at Simon Meade House in Simons

Uncertainty over car park lease

THE wrangle over the Recreation Ground Road car park in Tenterden

Visitors to the town suddenly found a barrier erected across the tarmac and more than 50 spaces were being offered for free earlier this month.

The 57 spaces are owned by the company Zetbova Investments Ltd, who own the former Embassy cinema

Armed duo on robbery charge

TWO men appeared in Ashford's magistrate court on Monday charged with an armed robbery which took place in a post office at St Mary's Bay last week.

Billy Williams, 18, of St Martin's Road, New Romney, was charged with robbery and possession of an imitation firearm. The charge was also connected to a robbery at a bookmakers in New Romney in

He was also charged with possessing a shotgun whilst prohibited to do so and possessing a shotgun whilst committing an offence.

Sean William Edgar, 20, of Grassmere, St Mary's Bay, was also charged with robbery after the raid at the post office last Thursday.

and car park behind the high street building.

Up until the end of March they had leased the area to Ashford council, which charged visitors for parking.

The company says it has no interest in any development plans at an adjoining site owned by local property owners the Edmonds brothers, but it would have to allow access if construction began.

It says even if building went ahead only a small number of spaces would be affected and it was still keen to come to a leasing agreement with the council for a suitable fee.

Philip Enoch, a solicitor representing Zetbova Investments, said: "In the media release the council says it will 'continue to try to negotiate the reinstatement of the car parking spaces'.

has been no sign of them trying to negotiate with us nor has there been any attempt on their part to do so since our original proposal of new terms in March this year.

"We have only put one proposal to them and they have rejected it. All they have said is that they want a long lease at a peppercorn rent – so what does 'continue' mean?'

Mr Enoch said the council had threatened to block off the entrance to the area but he believed his clients had an established right of way.

He said: "My clients own this land as an investment and they want to get a rent. Up until March the car park was part of that investment now they are getting nothing. They want to do a deal."

The council refused to make any further comments on the situation.



NO PARKING: Signs put up recently show the council is no longer responsible for the car park





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At present, drivers pay £1.70 for up to three hours but at the start of next month they will have to pay a minimum of £2 for two hours.

Out patients will pay more

Staff will see a massive hike in the parking charges with permits rising from £52.92 to £178.61 in two years' time.

The NHS Foundation Trust, which is looking to make savings, says it will now review its charges every year.

Hang up on bogus chemists

THE NHS is warning people to be wary of bogus callers who claim to be able to save them money on their medications.

This comes after a patient in Ashford received a call from a firm claiming to be a medical support service that could save her money on medications and help with chores.

A meeting was arranged for a rep to visit the patient but no one came and the number she had been given was unobtainable.

Practice manager Richard Lawson said people should not give out personal information or buy any goods and services from companies they are unsure about.



TURN OF EVENTS: Representatives meet for the official sod-turning ceremony at the M20 site near Junction 9

M20 ceremony marks start of improvements

THE improvements to Junction 9 of the M20 and Drover's Roundabout are well under way, but last week council officials and the contractors marked the beginning of the project with a sodturning ceremony.

The centrepiece will be a landmark new foot and cycle bridge over the motorway, allowing better access to the Eureka leisure and business parks.

Representatives from Ashford's Future, Kent County Council, Ashford council, the contractors BAM Nuttall and Government development bodies were present to mark the occasion.

The changes are also aimed at putting an end to the severe traffic delays that occur in the area during rush hour.

The improvements include introducing new traffic signals, widening approach roads to the junction, increasing the number of lanes, as well as the bridge.

More than £15 million of funding from the South East Development Agency and the Department for Transport is paying for the project. The money will be paid back by developers as their housing and business schemes progress.

Judith Armitt, managing director for

BY **ED HILL**

Ashford's Future, said: "It's crucial that, as the town grows, we have the right infrastructure in place to keep the town moving.

"This project shows that Ashford continues to be a beacon of development and growth."

The project is expected to be completed by March next year.

KCC cabinet member for highways Nick Chard said: "This major road scheme shows the county council's commitment to Ashford's long-term future.

"It will help the traffic flow better on one of the main approaches to the town from the M20 and ease congestion at Drovers roundabout. With our borough colleagues at Ashford's Future, we want to raise design standards and use high-quality materials to make Ashford a great place to live and work."

Contractor BAM Nuttall says it will try to minimise traffic disruption. Most of the work will be carried out at off-peak hours during the day and when necessary at night. It anticipates construction of the bridge will be carried during January and February.

Dan Hockey, contracts manager for the company, said: "We're delighted to have been awarded this contract by Kent County Council to make improvements to Junction 9 of the M20. We look forward to delivering a quality job for the people of Ashford."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rise in mobile phone theft

THERE has been a recent spate of mobile

phone thefts in the borough, say police.

Jill Lane, Ashford's crime reduction officer,

says 22 mobile phones were reported stolen or lost during June with a further 21 in July.

Opportunist thieves are also taking advan-

Mrs Lane said: "Don't leave phones in cars

"If your phone is stolen, report it to the

police. Also call your network provider and

ask them to block the SIM card and handset.

"Security mark your phone with your postcode and make sure you have a note of the make and model and the IMEI number."

neighbourhood police officer or PCSO or

phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Anyone with information on where stolen phones are being sold should contact their

or near open windows and check when you

leave that you've picked them up.

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Your chance to speak to new PCSO

RESIDENTS in North Willesborough will get a chance to meet their new community support officer next month.

ty support officer next month.

Jason Brett has been a PCSO for the past two years and previously covered the village of River in Dover.

He said: "At the moment I am familiarising myself with the area and talking to people to find out what their concerns and priorities are."

PCSO Brett will be at the William Harvey Hospital reception area, on Friday, August 6, and Friday, August 20, from 10am-noon both days.

He will also be available at the Willesborough Café on August 10 and 26 from 9am to 10am.

You can also speak to him by phoning the neighbourhood policing team at Ashford police station on 01233 896332.



ON THE BEAT: PCSO Brett

Restaurateur wins Bangladeshi prize

AN Indian restaurant owner has been recognised for his work in the industry with a national award.

Ash Miah, who runs two restaurants in Kennington Cinnamon Spice and the Mijanur Rahman – was named Young Restaurateur of the Year at the Federation Caterers Awards.



was held at the Royal WINNER: Ash Lancaster last week.

The ceremony, hosted by Sky News presenter Lisa Aziz, also included high-profile guests including Business Secretary Vince Cable, Tom Brake MP and the Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

Mr Miah said the award was great news for his staff. The young Asian businessman opened Cinnamon Spice last year. It was one of the first businesses to open at the Eureka Place retail area, part of the new business park. His other restaurant in Faversham Road has been popular with customers for many years.

He also runs cooking courses, where people can spend a day learning about Bangladeshi cuisine, and shares his cooking skills visiting schools, including students at Carter's Restaurant at the Towers School.

Mr Miah said: "It's great to be recognized for the hard work we've been putting into both these quality restaurants.

"Local people have two great places to eat out and we have many customers who travel from Maidstone, Chatham, Rochester, Folkestone and Faversham.

Adventurous biker will soon be out of Africa

BY **ED HILL**

AN adventurous biker tackling a life-changing ride around the African coast is on the last leg

Spencer Conway, from Biddenden, set off last November to travel through every country on the African coast.

When he contacted Yourashford he was in Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, soon to make his way to Morocco.

He said: "Tve had a spectacular ride through the jungle in Gabon. It's as green and vibrant and noisy as anyone's childhood jungle dream."

Mr Conway is undertaking the 25,000 mile journey to raise £28,000 for Save the Children. He first travelled down the East Coast of the continent and is now on the return up the West

He said: "Tve had spectacular times getting through Cameroon, Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea, Senegal and Mauritania.

"I could write a book on each country but in Nigeria I was treated as a visiting rock star. I was lucky enough to link up with one of their most famous musicians and TV celebrities, Charlyboy. I was whisked off to various TV, newspaper and radio interviews with his entourage in tow. They put me up in a five-star hotel and he organised a rally of 500 bikes to see me through Lagos. It caused so much chaos that one radio listener suggested I should be arrested for stopping the Lagos traffic in its

For much of the time Mr Conway has had to camp in the bush and nurse his bike through

everything the African terrain can throw at it.

He said: "Tve had to ride 1,000kms of the
Western Sahara desert. Although the map
shows a tar road, it didn't show the asphalt is often cracked and curled up into lumps from the sun. It is 45 degrees centigrade and I had bike gear on. I fell in the sand at the very beginning and broke my clutch lever. I drove 880kms with it Sellotaped together."



THIRSTY WORK: Spencer and his bike in the desert

The biker is a good friend of the actor Richard E Grant, who is patron of his charity, Africa Bike Adventure. In the desert he had to battle sandstorms and side winds and beg from locals to get petrol.

He was ejected from Ivory Coast for saying he was a journalist and was writing a book.

He said: "I was there for 10 minutes. I had to backtrack and go through Burkina Faso, but it's not a problem because now I can say I went to

Mr Conway hopes to be back by August 15 but is still keen for people to support his fundraising. He said: "I feel very sad to leave Africa soon but

I'm proud I'm going to make it."

To find out about Mr Conway's journey and donate, go to www.africa-bike-adventure.com.



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QUESTION & ANSWER



How long have you been connected with Ashford and the leisure trust?

I have been working in the leisure field in A Ashford for 14 years. I began working at the Julie Rose in 1996. I then came to Stour centre in 2000 and was appointed chief executive when the extension opened in 2007.

What is the Ashford Leisure Trust?

At was set up in 2005 in readiness for when the new extension to the Stour Centre opened. We are funded by the council although we are separate from it.

We are a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status which manages the day-today running of the Stour Centre and Julie Rose Stadium on behalf of Ashford council, and Kingsnorth Recreation Centre on behalf of the Kingsnorth Recreation Centre trustees. We also look at the strategic view of how leisure services can go forward in the

How has the new Stour Centre performed since it opened?

It has been encouraging. We had a honey-It has been encouraging, we have a moon period when it first opened and we have been hit by the recession so it is difficult to look at the long-term figures. I would say so far we have not had a normal year but we are continuing to grow in terms of our services, our user base and our overall usage.

In 2009/10 we had more than half a million visitors. We have 950 children enrolled in our after school swimming lessons. We will have to make changes to staffing and service provision to make ourselves more efficient over what will be a chellenging couple of years.

What is the situation with the leisure pool since it had to close because of leaks earlier in the year?

It was disappointing at the time because the use of the leisure pool had peaked. Unfortunately there was nothing we could do but relocate services to other pools.

Our priority was to keep continuity with the lessons for children. We reviewed the programme and implemented a temporary one so we could use the main pool and separated the learner pool from the leisure one so that could also be used.

We will be reopening the pool on Saturday [July 31], two weeks earlier than expected.

How do you see things developing?

Our priority is to get the remaining part Our priority is to get the following angle of the leisure centre completed. If smaller facilities in other parts of the borough arose we would be keen to manage those, but at this time the priority is Stour Centre.

We are working closely with the council on alternative uses in the old hall. I believe it can be a flexible multi-purpose space without compromising its sporting provision.

What is the situation with the Julie Rose Athletics Stadium?

We are finishing the details of a three-year Alicence. This will give stability so we can move forward, possibly coinciding with the development of the Conningbrook Lake.

We want to do more events there. We recently had the Help for Heroes concert which went well. That showed what the facility can do and we are developing more athletic events.

Have you had any interest from national teams looking for a training facility in the run up to the Olympics?

We are working with the Kent County Council to try and attract teams. Many countries are still looking for training venues. We are proud of what we have got and we think there are real advantages for any nation with the rail links up to London and the Olympic park.

How are you working to tackle the problem of childhood obesity?

We worked with the NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) through the 'Mend' programme. This helps families and children with fitness and dietary problems. We also have the Aiming High project for disabled children and have been given some funding for golf and girl's cricket.

We also have the Active Swim programme that was funded by the PCT. More than 500 people of all ages have had free swimming lessons.

We also want to develop our outreach work with schools

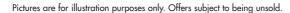
Emma Wood, chief executive Ashford Leisure Trust, talks to **ED HILL** about the challenges facing the not for profit organisation which runs the borough's fitness and leisure facilities

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Sizzling new event

A NEW dance event will be held at the Great Chart Golf and Leisure Centre.

The Summer Sizzler on August 29 is being organised by Cheeky Events.

There will be two DJ arenas with some

of the South East's top DJs including Kiss 100's Miss Charlie Hedges. There will be celebrity guests, a racetrack, paintball, golf and beach football.

track, paintball, golf and beach football. A spokesman for the event said: "This is for the Ashford people to be proud of." For information and tickets go to www.cheekyeventsuk.com.

Works close road

THE final section of a water pipeline is being laid in Willesborough.

The last section at Hunter Road will be installed on July 27 and take approximately two days to complete.

During the work Hunter Road will be closed from the junction with Osborne Road to the junction of Hythe Road.

Diversion routes will be put in place via Albemarle Road. Local access will be temporarily affected and residents have been informed. A pedestrian walkway will be put in place for health and safety.

Stanhope cowboys

ON Sunday the parish hall at Stanhope was transformed into the Wild West.

Residents had already chosen the Wild West as the theme for a carnival float before the procession was cancelled.

The Stanhope residents' float has won first prize for the last three years.

Local resident Lisa Lee said: "It was a shame the carnival procession didn't go ahead but everyone had a great time."

Hear sounds of silence at new art installation

AN artist is offering a new insight into the world around us by letting us hear certain sounds for the first time

From tadpoles feedinging in a pond to the unsual sounds of a kitchen appliance.Lee Patterson offers a new insight into the world around us

He said: "In the spring I heard a nightingale. I'd never heard them before in the UK, yet I heard one near the Designer Outlet. This incredible birdsong was drowned out by traffic.

"It's strange that something like that can get lost in the day-to-day noise and activity but ironic that traffic creates its own unique sounds. Close to that is the footbridge over the River Stour that made great noises from the vibration of the traffic passing under it."

Mr Patterson began his career using small contact microphones attached to objects to hear the internal sound coming from them.

He said: "I record things in a way similar to someone putting their ear to a railway line to hear a train coming."

The artist's work has revealed a whole new

BY ED HILL

world of sound emanating from things as diverse as a domestic cooker, street furniture, road barriers and underwater plant life.

Patterson, who is based in Manchester, was commissioned by Stour Valley Arts to record sounds in King's Wood near Challock and the Ashford flood plain at Willesborough Dykes.

He said being a stranger to the area gave him a different perspective of the town and perhaps made him more aware of its beauty.

"The area of the flood plain is quite beautiful yet the only access is by car along the motorway. If you choose to make that journey by foot it is an incredibly uncomfortable route close to a busy dual carriageway. Yet you have a beautiful floodplain and water meadow," he said.

ful floodplain and water meadow," he said.
Mr Patterson said he hoped his work could help
to highlight the changes in the town and make
people more aware of what needs to be protected.
He said: "It raises questions about the town

and its relationship with what surrounds it."

The artist is also due to install a permanent artwork related to the project in King's Wood



HEAR HEAR: Lee Patterson records the sound of a tree

next year but first residents can hear his sounds next week

sounds next week.

He said: "There will be several different machines in four areas playing back at the same time, creating a field of shifting sound.

"It should run all afternoon and people won't hear it repeated, so they can listen and stay for as long as they like."

The Elemental Fields exhibition is at Tufton House opposite the Magistrates' court and runs from July 28 to 31, from 12pm-5pm.







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Cricketer tells of flight to Kent after protest

AS the first black cricketer to play for Zimbabwe and the youngest player to represent the team, Henry Olonga was already used to the sporting limelight.

But it was his controversial protest in 2003 against the Zimbabwean Government

under Robert Mugabe that took him off the back pages and on to the front pages. In a symbol mourning the death of democracy, the fast bowler and his teammate Andy Flower wore black armbands in a cricket World Cup match against

Olonga said it was a silent plea to stop the

abuse of human rights.

But just weeks later, after receiving death threats and being branded a traitor, he went into hiding before fleeing his home country and moving to Kent.

In a new book, Blood Sweat and Treason, released on Monday, Olonga tells the story of his life before and after his protest.

The 34-year-old said: "Writing this book I

had to revisit a lot of the difficult things that happened to me while I was growing up, but it made me see how things have changed me as a person and I found it intriguing.

Speaking to KOS Media about his famous protest, Olonga said he had no regrets.

"I think it was absolutely necessary. It was an opportunity for us to draw attention to the corruption and bad leadership under Mugabe.

"A lot of people were oblivious to what was people to understand the problems in Zimbabwe.

"I didn't realise the effect it would have though until about a week later when I started receiving death threats.

"Zimbabwean people are strong in the face of adversity and I suppose I just had to deal with what was happening."

Reports at the time were that a warrant

was out for his arrest on charges of treason a charge which carries the death penalty in Zimbabwe - but Olonga said he was unable to confirm this.

No legal challenge to Rose Gibb award

THERE will be no challenge to an appeal court ruling which awarded damages to the former boss of an NHS Trust where 90 peo-

ple died during a superbug outbreak.

Rose Gibb won £190,000 in a legal battle over her severance pay following her departure from the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust in 2007.

A report into a clostridium difficile outbreak at the trust was released just days after Gibb left her £150,000-a-year job.

During the Court of Appeal ruling, Lord Justice Sedley said that Rose Gibb had done nothing wrong and the blame should lie with the trust's board.

A spokesman for the NHS trust, said: "We understand the strong concerns that still exist about this payment.

"We have been legally advised not to challenge the Court of Appeal;s decision. We will therefore not be taking any further legal action.'

The report came to the conclusion that the C.diff infection was the main cause of death for 90 patients in 2007.

BY **MARIJKE COX**

"I came to England from South Africa with help from the chairman of Lashings, David Folb," he said.

The Lashings cricket team, based in Maidstone, was started in 1984 by Mr Folb and has since attracted cricketing legends including Richie Richardson, Jimmy Adams and Brian Lara. Olonga has been with the team for almost

eight years.
"I lived in Maidstone for a number of years before moving to London, but I still see Kent as my English home," he said.

He married in 2004 and is now expecting a child with his wife Tara.

"I want this book to do two things," he said. "Firstly, I want to bring awareness of the problems of Zimbabwe to people. There are injustices that still exist. There are people out there who can make a difference.

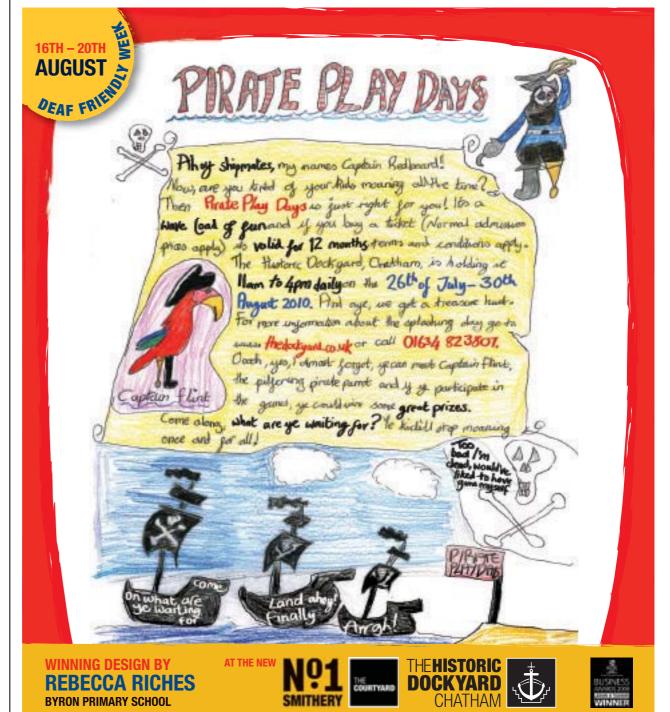
"Secondly, this is a story of my life and an opportunity for me to share my experiences

about growing up in Zimbabwe.
"It's a story that will be significant to the cricketing fraternity of Zimbabwe.

· For information or to purchase the book go to www.amazon.co.uk/Blood-Sweat-Treason-Henry-Olonga/dp/1905326815.



DEATH THREATS: Henry Olonga, who fled his home in Zimbabwe after a protest against Mugabe's government





BREAK TIME

Choirs triumph in singing contest

CHILDREN from Great Chart Primary School choir recently took part in the Equator Choir Competition.

More than 150 students from seven schools took part in the event which this year is part of the world music group Shiva Nova's ongoing music festival.

Each school sang three songs and the competition was judged by a panel that included musicians Paul Patterson, Peter Bolton and Priti Paintal.

Each choir was also involved in the judging and choirs were judged on presentation, quality, and choice of material. They also had to sing a song originating from another country or culture.

The winning choir on the evening was Tunstall School Choir. Great Chart finished joint second with Swalecliffe Choir.

The event, jointly run with Kent Music and Equators, aims to give performance opportunities for Kent's youth.

Pirates play comes together in a day

THREE schools in Tenterden have got together to perform a production of the play Pirates.

Tenterden Primary School, Tenterden Infants and St Michael's Primary rehearsed and performed the play at the Sinden Theatre in the town.

The concept was to work with children who have a particular talent in drama and put on a performance in the shortest possible time. Most of the play came together on the day of the performance.

Students rise to the digital challenge with historic van

BY **ED HILL**

FOUR history students from Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre in Tenterden have won this year's Channel 4 Schools Digital Challenge.

Tarn Hall, Jack Tate, Samantha Foreman and Charlotte Earl-Sayers beat thousands of other schools to win the competition.

The four designed a digital project about the historic Cavell railway van currently being restored by the Kent & East Sussex Railway in Ashford.

They joined other finalists at the annual British Interactive Media Association Challenge in London where they were subsequently declared winners for their work on the project.

The competition, for students aged 11 to 18, is backed by key industry organisations such as Sky and Microsoft as part of a drive to inspire young people to get involved in the digital industry.

Principal history teacher at Homewood, Lesley Munro, said: "The students' brief was to devise a digital solution that provided real practical benefits for their community.

"The students gave a passionate and articulate presentation on their ideas to senior figures from industry, academia and government.

"They spoke about how their concept would be used to help educate visitors to the railway about the history associated with the Cavell Van which will be on display again when the



WINNERS: Teacher Lesley Munro with Jack Tate, Tarn Hall, Samantha Foreman and Charlotte Earl-Sayers in London

restoration is complete in November 2010."

The luggage van, built in 1919, is famous for carrying the remains of three war heroes back from the battlefields of Europe.

The first was the body of nurse Edith Cavell, who gave the van its name. She helped allied soldiers escape the German army in Brussels. She was caught and later shot for assisting the enemy. The second was merchant seaman Captain Charles Fryatt, who used his ship to ram a German U-Boat, and the third and most

significant was the body of the Unknown Warrior who was buried as a symbol of remembrance for all those who died during the bloody campaign.

The £34,000 restoration project on the railway truck is expected to be finished later this year. The students' digital work will be used in the display to tell visitors about its unique history.

As part of their prize the students will be given a tour of the Sky television studios.

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Deadly Somme weapon located

EVIDENCE of a long-forgotten British secret weapon aimed at shortening the war in the trenches is coming to light along the Somme Valley in northern France - the scene of unimaginable slaughter in 1916.

Parts of a giant flame-thrower, which would have engulfed the German front line in a blistering inferno, have been unearthed by archaeologists who now believe they can pinpoint the exact location of the massive weapon – still buried under tonnes of earth.

It was destroyed by German shellfire – purely coincidentally – before it could ever be used, and three similar weapons were never deployed in action.

Royal Engineers based at Chatham designed the device, which could hurl 1,000 gallons of burning oil at the enemy, but it needed more than 300 men to manoeuvre it into position along the British lines. And it was while this was being done that German shells hit the working parties.

Troops ran for cover, abandoning the flame-

thrower, which was buried as the ground erupted amid the carnage of exploding shells.

French historian Frederick Hadley, curator of a museum specialising in the Battle of the Somme in the town of Peronne, said parts of the "First World War: Shock and Awe" weapon had come to light recently.

"The flame-thrower had been known about via military records, but no physical evidence had ever emerged as to its location," he said.

"It was supposed to go into action on July 1, 1916 - the opening day of the Battle of the Somme, near the village of Mametz - but

BY NICK AMES

shellfire dropped on the troops bringing it into position.

"There had been many reports of the incident, but no artefacts recovered until now.

"Excavations of top soil have recovered the valves which would have regulated the flow of oil to be ignited - but the main hose has

never been found.
"However, archaeologists think they know where it is and are seeking finance and the necessary earth-movers to bring it to light.

"There are also tanks which would have held the fuel to be burnt - they are still under the ground somewhere as well."

The weapon was developed by the Royal Engineers and the man at the front charged with its deployment was Major William Livens, who supervised the installation of gas projectiles.

It took the form of a massive hose linked to giant fuel tanks with accompanying regulatory valves to control the flow of liquid

The fuel would have been ignited as it left the nozzle of the hose and projected towards the German lines about 100 yards away.

Mr Hadley said: "If it had ever have been used it would have resulted in a wall of fire descending on the German trenches. The result would most likely have been utter

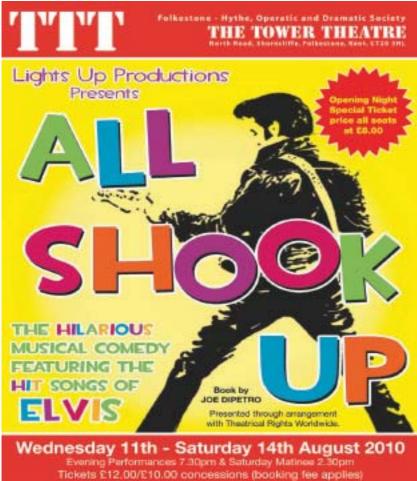
The flames would also have resulted in oxygen being sucked into the fire, suffocating German soldiers who had taken cover in underground bunkers.

But because of its unwieldiness, the number of men needed to operate it and the destruction of the prototype, the weapons were never deployed.



LETHAL WEAPON: The British flame-thrower in action in trials. The original was accidentally destroyed by German fire





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YOUR LETTERS



The electric bike is the way forward

I was thrilled to be included in last week's front page article 'Could Ashford Become a New Amsterdam'.

My Italian electric bike is my life with no more aggravating car problems. With regard to running costs apart from zero emissions, I can travel around 25 miles against a cars one mile for 50p. By law, I incur no parking charges, no MOT, no licence, no insurance (although recommended), and minimal servicing with a maximum speed of 15mph.

As stated, the cycle paths in Ashford are great and I am pleased extensions are planned. I wish Ted Prangnell well in his endeavours.

For example, my cycle time using paths and no roads from Singleton to the town centre is around eight minutes without any problems. If I wish to travel to London, Brighton or wherever, my bike travels FOC! If it rains, I put on my wet gear! Shopping is easy to carry with front and rear carriers, and shortly I intend to obtain a 'cycle trailer' which has capacity for larger loads.

Cars are an essential means of travel but surely the second car in the driveway has to be questioned? Thousands of pounds can be saved on running costs and Co2 emissions drastically cut by using an electric bike, (ideal for people like me with knee problems).

They cost anything from £450 to £2,500 and there are some good models to be had. Many people now have the electric 'folding bike' which is ideal for commuters. Station car parking charges alone would buy nearly two units in twelve months.

My Lithium battery is charged overnight and achieves around 17 miles (subject to path and road inclines) without pedalling and around 27 miles assisted. These figures have been test recorded by me. Naturally, many other claims are made and vary from cyclist to cyclist depending on their style of use

I am thrilled at the interest shown for greater cycling activities and would be more than pleased to answer any electric bike queries. My number is 0771 4704563.

John Reeves

Our sick society and guns are a lethal mix

Derek Packham calls for the relaxation of gun laws (Yourblogger, July 14). This would be an egregious

yourblogger

Gary Wright asks if it will make any difference should public-sector employees strike over cuts

I WASN'T shocked to learn that union activists at local councils are threatening strike action to show their anger as the cuts in public spending become clear.

After years of retiring at 60 and being assured of a job for life, all at the ratepayers' expense (yes, I know it's 'council-taxpayers', but we all understand 'ratepayers'), suddenly our council chums have to account for how they are spending our cash.

So, batten down the hatches and prepare for them to demonstrate their outrage outside your town hall next year. But what are they protesting about exactly?

Well, in a nutshell they're a bit cross that those people who have worked in the private sector all their lives will no longer be relied upon to fork out - getting on for a couple of grand a month - for the privilege of having their bins emptied every couple of weeks.

Planning applications have fallen dramatically since the credit squeeze, so I expect borough and district planning departments to be shedding jobs by the dozen. No point striking - that's not going to make more people build extensions.

Finance departments might think they're pretty safe as careful management of what little cash they have will be a vital skill. Remember how KCC managed to 'invest' £50 million of our money in an Icelandic bank.

Then they lost in the crash because someone was on holiday and missed a warning email... or something.

I reckon any one of the charity treasurers in Kent could do a better job. They are people who know how to make a little go a long way.

And visits abroad. We have a bit of a record of that in Kent, for sending large parties abroad at rate payers' expense on 'fact-finding' or 'friendship' visits. From now on, if someone wants to be our friend, let them come and see us. And they can pay for their hotel, too.

Then pensions. It must be pretty galling to have worked your way up in the public sector for 35 hours every week (less holidays and your eight days sick a year - oh, and public holidays). From section minion to section leader and then maybe even the head honcho, you were secure in the knowledge you'd retire at 60.

You've been pretty smug that for 20-odd years after that there'd be a monthly cash windfall pretty close to

what you were earning.

Now you can't just rely on Johnny Ratepayer to stump up enough cash to pay for his bins to be emp-tied so that you and your fellow cottonheads can have free money. Outrageous though that might be, perhaps you understand how your bin-emptying former colleagues felt almost 20 years ago when they had to go and work for private sub-contractors.

Strike all you like, but we are all staring down the barrel of tough times. Remember that unless your strikes affect bin collections, most people probably won't notice, and if you do withhold your labour, in protest, then we have the right to withhold our council-tax payment.

But be assured the outcome will be the same.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the editor. Gareth Arnold, on 01303 817025 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Ashford blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yourashford.co.uk



folly. Much of the UK's population is afflicted with conditions affecting mental health.

The causes of this are extremely complex and varied. Urban overcrowding, family breakdown, years of sub-standard education, youth unemployment and a media culture of violence are just a small selection of problems contributing towards the disintegration of our nation's psychological well-being.

If, through a misconceived liberalisation of the law, firearms

become easier to obtain, more mentally unstable people will have instant access to deadly weapons.

All it takes is for a switch to flick from sane to insane in these

citizens' troubled

brains, as happened with Derrick Bird and Raoul Moat, and they'll be reaching for the guns they legally possess and store in their homes so they can inflict bloody retribution on whoever they psychotically perceive are the architects of their mis-

Sick societies and guns simply don't mix, as the USA and Britain are discovering with a terrible cost to innocent human life.

I would also like to add that the argument that homeowners need firearms for protection and that they are a good deterrent against violent intruders is an unsubstantiated myth perpetuated by the gun manufacturers and their vociferous, influential lobby groups

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

Of bogus arguments and vested interests

The National Housing Federation representative's letter and Dr Susan Jebb's institutionalised approach to obesity reminds me how completely millions are conditioned to accept bogus arguments from vested interests.

Many pseudo-service industries wouldn't exist without the populations they rely on for income.

Dr Jebb fails to mention transfats, the artery-clogging ingredient used by food manufacturers, or how Nordic walking, speed walking, tai chi and other vigorous outdoor activities need no NHS or private weight-loss profit-takers to supervise. My objection is the condescending, self-protective priority to control and use budgets raised from the public. There are many better solutions than Dr Jebb's one-dimen-

sional business proposition or the endless benefits drain that has demoralised and infantilised housing benefit recipients at our expense

Rita Grootendorst, by email



Feathered fiends are such a menace

Couldn't agree more [with last week's blogger, Tom Betts] after having my three-year-old daughter terrorised by winged yobboes. They have stolen baby wipes from

her bag and sandwiches from her tiny hand. I am regularly 'bombed' for having the audacity to walk to the train station in the early hours of the morning. They are a menace. I do believe



someone is going to be injured and gullmageddon is on its way. I'm sure many others will agree.

Sharon Bellamy, posted on www.Yourkentnews.co.uk

Rising demand for charity pet care

Veterinary charity PDSA has launched an emergency care appeal to help fund the life-saving treatment pets need after suffering serious injuries from accidents.

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Claire Bowles, PDSA

Give senior citizens free ticket to ride

Kent Green Party believes that free bus travel for the over-60s in England and Wales should be extended to cover train travel too.

In areas outside the larger cities, bus travel options in the evenings and on Sundays are either limited or completely unavailable. Meanwhile, train services more commonly run throughout the evenings and on Sundays, and for many public transport users are the only way to get around.

The Green Party believes that free bus travel for the over-60s in England and Wales should be extended to cover train travel too.

This would enable the elderly to travel free in the evenings and on Sundays in many more areas, and also relieve pressure on some of the busiest daytime bus services.

As an experiment we recommend an initial trial in the South East of the UK where evening train services are comprehensive and where a further reduction of road traffic would be an environmental benefit. We accept that an annual charge of perhaps £12.50 per annum would be needed to cover administrative costs and to discourage applicants who would hardly use it.

This proposal would offset some of the future expected worsening of living costs for pensioners while removing many reluctant drivers from the roads, and reducing pressure on the roads and improving air quality and cutting greenhouse gas emissions

Tan McDonald. Transport campaigns officer for Kent Green Party

Kiwi-growers enjoy fruits of labours

EXPERIMENTS are underway in a secret location in the county to see if kiwi fruit can be grown in Kent.

A major company, with a base in Canterbury, is working to harness recent climate change to commercially grow the popular fruit and tap into the annual market, worth £20 million in the UK.

Now technicians at Worldwide Fruits have started tests at a secret east Kent location to see if the fruit can be produced in sufficient quantities here to make it commercially viable within two years.

Technicians are using a hectare's worth of vines brought in from Italy and Greece in May, which are burgeoning at a substantial rate thanks to the expert-

ise of New Zealand kiwi fruit-growers.

Worldwide Fruit technical director Tony Harding said: "The result has been 1,200 vines are now safely in the ground.

"The varieties planted to date have been green Hayward types. There are plans to plant in 2011 yellow-flesh kiwis and introduce some of the latest discoveries, which are red-fleshed.'

Fruit development t e c h n o l o g i s t Caroline Ashdown said: "It's a new experience for us but we're confident it will be successful in some degree as we understand the vines' physiology.'



wires strung across concrete supports.

Figures show horror of youngsters' rail crimes

BY MARIJKE COX

TRAIN-surfing, jumping on tracks and playing 'chicken' with 100-tonne trains are just some of the shocking games played by young people on railways every week in Kent.

And if they're not playing on the railway line, they're throwing things on it, with objects as strange as a kitchen sink being found on tracks.

The Network Rail findings showed 240 rail crimes were carried out in the past year, but the true figure is still believed to be much higher.

Dave Ward, the company's route director in Kent, said the figures are down from last year, but too many people are still risking their lives. "Trains can't swerve and can take the length

of 20 football pitches to stop," he said.
"Contact with electricity power lines and tracks can result in horrific injuries, burns or

even death. Crimes can involve distracting train drivers, with laser pens being shone in their eyes and

bricks and fireworks being hurled at trains. Young people have also been caught 'train surfing, where they grip onto the outside of a moving train, or playing 'chicken', where they jump out of the way just before it hits them.

Bikes, gas cylinders, scaffolding, a pram and





DANGEROUS: A youth is caught on a wire above a live track; the potentially lethal damage caused by throwing stones

traffic lights have all been thrown onto tracks

in Kent, causing costly damage and delays.
As the summer holidays begin, Network Rail is asking young people not to put themselves at risk by playing near the tracks.

The company's No Messin' campaign, fronted

by boxer Amir Khan, works with community groups to warn youngsters about the dangers.

Khan is encouraging young people to take up positive activities. "They need to know that playing chicken or throwing stones at trains won't get you respect or win you friends," he said.

The shocking figures showed 63 incidents of objects being thrown at trains; 92 reports of trespass; and 15 incidents of graffiti.

Insp Ed Walton from the British Transport Police said: "Every year we see people risking their lives either by careless action, such as taking a shortcut across tracks or by playing on or near the line." he said.

"Anyone who messes around near the tracks is not only risking a court appearance, they are putting their lives at risk."

∑Ben Lavender, 17, was killed in April 2009 at Westgate-on-Sea station when he fell on a live line as he crossed the tracks.

∑Jade Kenyon, 17, from Snodland, died in 2006 after touching a live rail as she walked along the tracks after missing a train at Cuxton station near Rochester.





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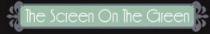
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Smugglers' haunt a great place to lunch

■ The Walnut Tree Inn, Aldington

THE Walnut Tree Inn in the picturesque village of Aldington has begun opening on a Monday.

The popular inn is offering a special £5 lunchtime menu where customers can get home-cooked food for a fiver, including wholetail scampi, chips and peas.

Other popular dishes include home-cooked egg and chips, sausage and mash... and a lot

The senior citizens' lunches held on a Tuesday are becoming increasingly popular and it is a very good idea to book when customers want to sample the whole Walnut Tree menu, including the sizzling grill-stones.

Karen and the staff are looking forward to the annual Aldington Soap Box Derby taking place on Monday, August 30, this year.

There will be a craft fair on the green and those who want to take part can apply in the pub for a stall or on an entrance form to the soapbox derby - the pub can also make sure wannbe contestants have all the rules as well.

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Karen has been landlady for eight-and-a-half years at The Walnut Tree and she enjoys greeting both new customers and seasoned regulars



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Admission is free, but audience members should arrive early to secure a seat.

A bite of the Big Apple

AN ASPIRING writer heads to 1920s New York in the one-man show, Small Town to Big Apple.

Greg Chapman plays a young man looking for a story in the show at the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday.
Tickets cost £8/£6. To book call 01843

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Triple bill of comedy

A TRIO of comedians will be going for giggles at the Ramada Dover when The Comedy Club visits on Thursday.

Kevin McCarthy will be acting as MC, joined by Zoe Lyons and Stephen Grant. The over-18s show starts at 9pm. Tickets cost £12 for the comedy only or £20 including a three-course meal. To book call 01304 872843.

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Take tea with mayor

ENJOY afternoon cream tea with the

Major and Mayoress of Margate at the Walpole Bay Hotel next Wednesday.

Cllrs Michael and Shirley Tomlinson will host the event at 2.30pm to raise money for the Mayor of Margate's Charity Fund. Tickets cost £12 and include a talk on the history of the hotel. To book call 01843 221704.

Joe king of the art of silliness

JOE PASQUALE

Friday, August 6, Winter Gardens, Margate



THE King of the Jungle is ready to drive you wild with his latest show full of comedy and calamities.

Joe Pasquale continues his personal quest to make holidaymakers laugh by taking his new show to seaside towns around the country. Just Joe is his latest collection of comic capers, slightly duff magic and Pasquale's trademark silliness, designed to get audiences giggling, whatever the British summer weather.

Last year's fast-paced show featured a motorised toilet, so fans can look forward to another evening of wacky props and goofy gags. Pasquale's latest gadgets can be as unpredictable as his humour and could be one reason why the comedian has won an increasing student following.

Born in Essex, Pasquale harboured early desires to become an actor, but he could not afford to go to drama school. So he tried to get into show business another way, by becoming a bingo caller and a holiday camp entertainer. He rose up the ranks to become entertainment manager at two resorts and eventually discovered his gift for comedy.

By the time Pasquale appeared on the TV talent show New Faces in 1987, he had also worked in the civil service, a Ford factory and Smithfields meat market. Achieving second place on the show meant that work as a comedian started to come in, liberating Pasquale from some of his less enjoyable jobs.

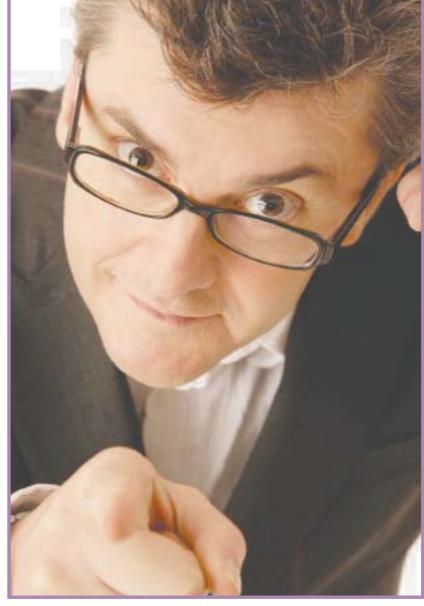
When Pasquale really hit the big time, his first video sold in huge numbers and he became a popular television personality. His distinctive high-pitched voice has only added to his endearing persona and along with his comedy work, he also became a successful game show host.

Although he was already a popular and wellknown comic, Pasquale's career received a further boost when he appeared on the ITV reality show I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! in 2004.

The bookies' favourite from the start, Pasquale did not disappoint viewers with his charming nature and good sense of humour, which even held during the most tortuous Bush Tucker tasks. While other celebrities complained about the primitive jungle conditions, Pasquale's quips consistently won the viewers' votes.

In the final stages, he saw off competition from former royal butler Paul Burrell to be crowned King of the Jungle.

His experiences in the jungle had more far-reaching consequences than anyone might have expected. One of the Bush Tucker Trials involved dangling from a helicopter in mid-air, while trying to obtain stars to win meals for his fellow contestants. This hair-raising ordeal actually helped Pasquale overcome his fear of flying and he went on to gain his pilot's licence



after taking lessons at Rochester Airport.

Despite his enormous success as a comedian, Pasquale has still managed to follow his dream of becoming an actor. His stage projects have included numerous pantomimes and he appeared in the West End production of The

His unforgettable voice has also been heard in animations such as Hollywood movie

Horton Hears A Who! with Jim Carrey and CBBC's Frankestein's Cat. Pasquale has also appeared as the Scarecrow in a touring production of The Wizard of Oz.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16.50, concessions available for Friends of the Winter Gardens. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or go online at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

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Learn to wield a sword by joining the Knight School on August 11 and 25. The knight and his unarmed squire will demon-strate the combat techniques of the day and expose a few myths about medieval armour.

The special events are included in the admission price of £7.75 for adults, £5.75 for children and £6.75 for concessions.

For more information call 01227 784600 or see the website at www.canterburytales.org.uk.



Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, The Piazza, Margate **MARGATE CARNIVAL SOUL WEEKEND**

CHILL out and relax as Margate Carnival Soul Weekend returns with some truly great performers.

The carnival will also feature an array of colourful family rides, along with a tasty Caribbean barbecue.

Sunday's music programme will be headlined by West Coast Soul Stars, who perform ahead of the release of their new single, Show Me Love, featuring Eli and Janine. In September, they will be supporting 80s funk band Chic at the Indigo2, so soul fans should not miss the chance to see these rising stars in action.

The award-winning R&B artist Junior Giscombe will also be performing, along with former Hi Tension member, David Joseph. Giscombe was a pop force during the 80s when he had hits with Mama Used To Say and Too Late. He duetted with Kim Wilde on Another Step (Closer To You) and went on to write songs for artists like Sheena Easton.

The free entertainment starts at 3pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. The carnival procession starts from Westgate at 3pm on Sunday. For more details visit www.westcoastlive.co.uk.

WIDOWER'S HOUSES

Thursday, July 29, Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

MONEY and principles do not always mix in George Bernard Shaw's sharp satire, Widowers' Houses

The first play in the Sarah Thorne Summer Repertory Season explores the Victorian money-making system and the ways in which money can interfere with love and romance. Directed by Michael Friend, the play has been performed for nearly 120 years.

Harry Trench is a doctor with a good background but only a small income. However, his life seems to be taking a positive turn when he falls in love with the beautiful Blanche while on holiday in Germany and they become engaged.

On their return to London, Harry is horrified to discover that Blanche's father is the landlord of slum housing. He orders Blanche to refuse her father's money once they are married, but his principles are soon put to the test when he discovers where his own meagre income is coming from.

Tickets cost £10.50 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12.50 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance, call $0845\ 262\ 6263$ or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk



ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Friday and Saturday, July 30-31, Dragon House, Smarden

in Wonderland with the Smarden Players. The group presents an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic stories, Alice in Wonderland and Alice Through the Looking Glass, performed outdoors in the gardens of Dragon House. With a 50ft stage, impressive set design and special effects, the Smarden Players present a magi-

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cal show that will enchant audiences of all ages. Some of the most exciting elements of the show include the 'rabbit hole' entrance which guides audiences to their seats and the mysterious, disappearing Cheshire Cat. The voice of the cat is provided by former Meridian TV reporter, Jeff Moody.

Derek Colley's adaptation of the much-loved stories includes many of Wonderland's most popular residents. For this production, a slightly older Alice will guide the audience through the story and there are plenty of surprises in store.

Tickets cost £7/£5 on Friday and £7 on Saturday. To avoid disappointment, buy tickets in advance from the Post Office or the Flying Horse in Smarden or alternatively call 01233 770557.



UNDER SIEGE

Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1 **Dover Castle**

EXPERIENCE the drama of a castle under attack when history comes to life at Dover Castle this weekend.

In 1216, Dover defended the country against a French attack which became the scene of one of England's bloodiest battles. This critical event in English history is recreated in spectacular style, when a thrilling medieval siege is recreated at the attraction.

Feel the atmosphere and learn how the army prepared for combat with this absorbing event, which features an authentic army encampment. Throughout the day, minor skirmishes will break out as the tension builds towards the mighty battle on Palace Green. See the knights and foot soldiers engage in combat, along with the French attackers' attempts to undermine the Great Tower by digging a tunnel. The French troops will also use a terrifying trebuchet to attack the castle.

Hubert De Burgh will lead King John's defence from the Great Tower, where visitors can meet the colourful King's household and find out what life was like under siege.

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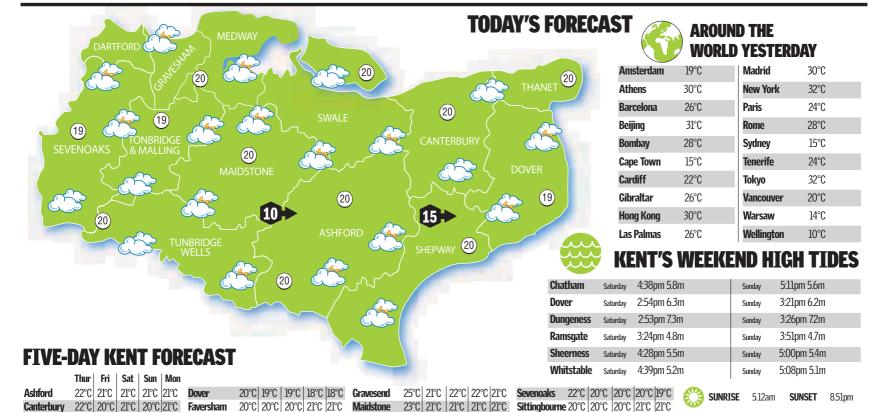
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After years of bit-part roles Justin proves he's not on The Rebound

BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

TWELVE years ago he was playing roles that didn't even appear on the movie's closing credits. But now, Justin Bartha - aka the anonymous clubgoer in the 1998 disco film 54 - has reached leading man status with his latest movie The Rebound.

Along the way there have been hits (National Treasure, The Hangover) and misses (Gigli), but 32-year-old Bartha says he feels "extremely grateful for all the great things that have happened".

The first of his family to forge a career in acting, started out in high-school plays and doing community theatre, before training at university in New York only to find himself "bum-

ming around trying to get a job".

That first job was behind the camera, as a production assistant on Analyze This in 1999. Later that year, he made his professional acting debut in a short film called Tag. A few quiet years followed before he joined the then couple-du-jour Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez in the universally panned Gigli in 2003. Then a year later, he finally got his big break as the comedic computer whiz Riley Poole in the National Treasure films. In romantic comedy The Rebound Bartha

plays Aram Finkelstein, a directionless 24-year-old who becomes a nanny for Sandy, the perfect suburban wife, played by Catherine Zeta Jones, who's just discovered her husband has been having an affair. The pair embark on a relationship that goes swimmingly until reality rears its ugly head.

"It's a really great romantic comedy and something everyone can enjoy," says Bartha.

"It's a New York love story where Catherine and myself have just got out of bad relationships but find it's the wrong time to explore theirs because of their ages and where they



THE SENSITIVE TYPE: Justin Bartha plays children's nanny Aram Finkelstein in the romantic comedy The Rebound

are in their life.'

Written and directed by Julianne Moore's husband Bart Freundlich, Aram's optimistic and romantic stance on life makes him a refreshingly sympathetic male character.

"Aram is a nice guy and there's some role reversal in the movie," says Bartha. "You're so used to seeing men in movies being aggressive idiots who are only looking for sex. Aram is a sensitive man and that's really interesting. He's almost too sensitive.

But, despite Bartha's eagerness, it was to be a few years before he was cast.

Director Freundlich has since explained that

he needed to explore a wide range of people to be sure Bartha was the right choice – and Bartha readily admits he thought he wouldn't get the role after hearing Catherine Zeta Jones had been cast as Sandy.

As for working with our home-grown star, Bartha's nothing short of gushing. "She's fantastic. Who doesn't like her?'

It's lucky they got along, as the pair share an intimate moment on a sofa before being inter-

rupted by Sandy's son.
"It's very awkward doing those scenes," he laughs. "In that scene I have to fall off this couch and kept scraping my chest, so by the

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end of the day I had this rash on it. It was very 'not sexy'.'

Another scene that creates a big laugh happens when Aram takes Sandy on a date to see his best friend's amateur dramatic showcase, which turns out to consist of 46 theatrical scenes - with no interval.

"What's funny is that it seems like such a comedy scene but acting workshops really are like that," he says. "I've been to tons of them."





WATCHING THE DETECTIVE: Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman



YOUR TV REVIEW SHERLOCK: BBC One, 9pm, Sunday FIFTH GEAR: Five, 7.30pm, Thursday

WITH autumn approaching, the schedules will soon be full of new shows hoping to grab your attention

for the remainder of the year. Sherlock is the BBC's highest-pro-

Whether or not the decision to bring Sherlock Holmes back was based on the success of the recent film is not something I can enlighten you on, but it's an interesting point.

Curiosity in the character has no doubt been revived due to Guy Ritchie's film adaptation, but rather than set this in days past it has been dragged kicking and screaming into the present day.

Holmes is now a man who surfs the net and has Dr Watson on speed-

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BY TOM BETTS

Doyle-penned Holmes books for free, so I took a look earlier this year.

Holmes is really not the straightlaced deer-stalker-wearing square he is often played as.

In fact he is a much spikier pedant than you would think, so choosing the angular Benedict Cumberbatch as the man to play the super-sleuth could turn out to be a good move.

Meanwhile, Martin Freeman steps into faithful companion Dr Watson's

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AS Top Gear grows ever more fanciful and has less to do with motoring with each passing episode, the driver who is actually interested in cars would be forgiven for switching to Fifth Gear instead.

This is not the new kid on the block, and has actually been around since 2002, but adheres more to the style of old Top Gear, rather than the re-launched ego fest of Clarkson, May and Hammond.

This show actually road tests cars the average man may actually one day have a chance of driving, and touches more on the issues that con-

cern your average motorist.
It is probably not as funny or entertaining as Top Gear, but copying the old format of its rival (old TG presenters Tiff Needel and Vicky Butler-Henderson are employed here), which looked like a dumb move in the early days, has actually turned out to be its biggest strength.

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ROCK ON: Coronal were one of many great acts at Create Music Festival

BY **DOMINIC GREENWOOD**

OFFERING everything from cheesy covers to crashing guitars, Create Music Festival kept thousands entertained in Ashford's Victoria Park on Sunday.

With an incredible 11,000 peo-

ple through the gate, Create has become the county's leading free festival, a feat made all the more impressive by the fact that nearly every band on the line-up was home-grown.

The festival boasted extra stages this year with an acoustic tent, a dance tent and the Right Track Music stage for younger bands.

For the first time it also offered a bar, and as the threatened rain held off many enjoyed a cold beer in the sun in front of the main stage.

Many of Kent's best-known acts made an appearance, many of which have already enjoyed a busy festival season.

Luke Jackson, a singer-song-writer whose talents belie his years, and 'unhinged' folk act Los Salvadores have both already played sets at Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm, and both put in a spirited performance at Create on the acoustic and main

stage respectively.

Other highlights included Ashford metal band Coronal, whose charismatic frontman succeeded in firing up the crowd throughout the band's brutal half-hour set.

Many acts peppered their sets with covers, which was appreciated by those looking for a hint of familiarity.

Five Floors Up were particularly good in this respect, and headliners Green Date, a convincing Green Day tribute band, rounded off the event with an effective trawl through the Californian three-piece's back

Organiser Chris Dixon from Ashford council said: "Create 2010 has been phenomenal, and no doubt the best yet. It is amazing what can be achieved when local talent, audiences, event **UPLOAD YOUR MUSIC VIDEOS TO BROADCAST ON OUR WEBSITE** @

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organisers, local businesses and local sponsors all work together to deliver something as positive as this for our community Ashford can be very proud of itself this week.

"After every Create, you always feel so exhausted you can n ever think of running another, but after seeing so many smiling faces and families getting together today I can safely say Create will be back for



HIGH OLD TIME: Kitzbühel in the Austrian Tyrolean has an adventurous side away from its more well-known skiing and snowboarding activities

Adventurous pursuits on offer in the Austrian Tyrol

BY RICHARD JONES

WHILE glitzy Kitzbühel's infrastructure is perfectly prepared for the deluge of skiers and snowboarders, there is a very different feel to the area come summer.

When the hedonism and intensity of the ski season has melted away, visitors relish the gorgeous scenery and, even better, try the variety of adventurous pursuits on offer in the

I began my four-day break on the Saturday evening, and checked into what would be my base for the trip the four-star Hotel Jägerwirt, run by the same family for four generations. The first dinner for our 10-strong

group was a hearty combination of lamb, potato gratin and spinach, before a nightcap at Flannigan's, the local Irish bar.

Next morning, the minibus whisked us off to the Mountain High centre in Kirchdorf - to be measured for wetsuits, life jackets and helmets for our first activity – the family rafting. Our time in the 12ft x 6ft raft was

great fun, and the highlight was jumping out of the vessel to float down through the rapids on our backs, before climbing out and jumping from a cliff face into a plunge pool.

The rafting course took us into a part of Germany for a short while, through the wildly romantic Klobenstein Canyon, until the minibus came to collect our equipment and return us back to Mountain High.

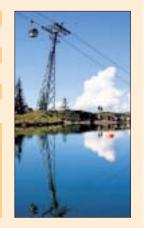
After lunch, we took the fiveminute walk from the hotel to the Mountain Edge bike centre.

Our guide Rob provided helmets, gloves and bikes, before leading us

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on a specially tailored ride to the lake at Schwarzsee, a haven for local holidaymakers on this particular weekend – a Tyrolean bank holiday

with the sun shining.

There was an Italian buffet at the Jägerwirt on Sunday night, while Monday morning promised our third activity of the week – canyoning. This was not for the faint-hearted, and four of our group backed out when peering over the edge of the gorge.

But those of us who stuck with it were rewarded with an hour of sheer excitement involving slithering down rockslides carved into the rock, jumping into frothing plunge pools, hanging from cliff faces, and floating down through ice-cold water on our backs until we reached the rest of our party at the base.

After the adrenaline rush of the morning, it was time for a gentle three-hour walk through farms, forests and flowery meadows and up to a waterfall on the south side of the Kitzbüheler Horn, which offered us excellent views across the town.

After a dinner of Wiener Schnitzel, a few of us embarked on a night out in Kitz, stumbling from the town's main nightspot, The Londoner bar jam-packed to the rafters during ski season - in the early hours.

There were sore heads next day as we tried Canadian canoeing. Though the canoes were safe and stable, steering them proved difficult and we had countless collisions with the rocky banks and capsizes galore.

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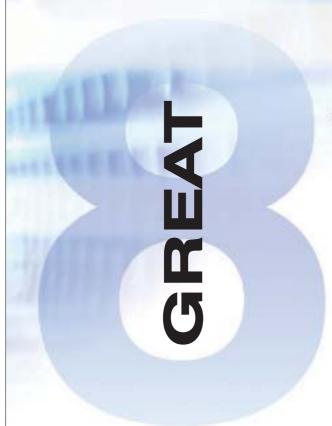
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First-time buyers key to getting market moving

HOUSE prices fell last month, with Halifax's house price index showing a 0.6 per cent drop and the LSL/Acadametrics index showing prices decreasing by 0.5

But LSL/Acadametrics reports a 7.7 per cent year-on-year rise in prices, with Halifax showing a 6.3 per cent rise.

Analysts say the average property price in England and Wales is £218,119.

Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax, said: "The June price fall continued the trend of a slowdown seen since the beginning of this year, following a moderate recovery in 2009. This pattern is in line with our view that prices will remain pretty much unchanged this year."

LSL/Acadametrics also reveals a 20 per cent jump in the number of properties sold to 63,500 in June - up from 52,975 in May.

David Brown, commercial director at LSL Property Services, says the key to a market recovery lies with first-time buyers. But he adds: "We can't discount further prices falls in the next few months

as the market continues to stabilise."

And Peter Williams, chairman of Acadametrics, says traditionally the number of houses sold in June is higher than in May.

He said: "This year sales in May were abnormally low, possibly owing to uncertainty as a consequence of the election."

Study shows seven-year low for mortgage rates

MORTGAGE rates are at their lowest for seven years, according to new research.

The study by Moneyfacts.co.uk found

the average interest-rate on a two-year fixed rate mortgage is 4.52 per cent the lowest since September 2003.

Interest rates on fixed rate mortgages have been dropping since September last year, as lenders attempt to entice borrowers away from low standard variable rates (SVRs).

"Many borrowers are opting to remain on record low SVRs and overpaying their mortgage rather than secure a new deal at a higher rate," said Michelle Slade, Moneyfacts.co.uk spokesperson.

"Lenders are trying to persuade borrowers onto new fixed rate deals by making significant cuts to rates.

"Previously, only deals for borrowers with large deposits were seeing cuts, but as the market improves borrowers with smaller deposits are being offered more competitive deals too.'



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Landlords facing mortgage woes if interest rate rises

BY NICK AMES

FOUR out of ten landlords reckon they would not be able to cover the mortgage payments on their properties if interest rates increase by two per cent.

A fortnight ago the Bank of England held the base rate at 0.5 per cent for the 16th consecutive month, which is just as well as according to a poll by flat share website Spareroom.co.uk, who discovered four out of ten UK landlords are receiving rents barely covering the monthly mortgage repayments on their properties.

For 22 per cent of respondents, a rate rise of just one per cent would mean the sums don't add up, and for ten per cent of landlords questioned the situation is far worse, with a rate rise of just 0.5 per cent resulting in a rent-mortgage shortfall.

The research also revealed that six out of ten landlords have been forced to hike monthly rents since the start of the year, with one in five planning to increase rents by five per cent this year, and 18 per cent factoring in an increase of between three and five per cent.

However, more than half of these landlords said they are worried that they could lose loyal and valuable tenants as a result.

Spareroom.co.uk director Matt Hutchinson describes Britain's landlords in a catch-22 situation.

He said: "On the one hand the rise in Capital Gains Tax for higher rate taxpayers means that many landlords either won't be able to sell their buy-to-let properties full-stop or will sell at a far greater loss. "At the same time, holding onto their properties means they are



BALANCING ACT: Many UK landlords would face a rent-mortgage shortfall if the interest rate rose by two per cent

at the mercy of the Bank of England and facing higher mortgage payments."

Some landlords have also expressed confu-

sion over the concept of 'fair wear and tear' which has prompted tenancy deposit protection scheme, mydeposits.co.uk, to create a guide for landlords offering advice on how to make a sound judgement call at the end of a tenancy period.

As there are no hard and fast rules on what is reasonable for wear and tear the new guide aims to help landlords weigh up the different factors involved in the decision-making process.

A number of areas, from the length of the tenancy period to the occupants themselves and the difference between wear and tear and damage, are explored.

The guide also highlights the importance of communication between landlord and tenant, particularly at the outset of the tenancy, when the landlord can set expectations of the tenants and the final condition of the property.

Energy-efficient homes to miss stamp penalty



HOMEOWNERS are being advised to make their homes more energy efficient before putting them on the market if proposed stamp duty penalties come into force.

Ministers are examining introducing an increase in stamp duty for homes which fall into the lowest efficiency bands.

According to one home energy expert, buyers could be put off purchasing homes with poor energy efficiency to avoid paying an extra 0.5 per cent on top of their stamp duty bill.

Marc Blomfield, managing director of The National EPC Company, a leading provider of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) said: "Millions of homes with poor insulation, draughty windows and inefficient boilers could be subject to the stamp duty penalty, potentially putting off buyers.

"Despite scrapping home information packs, the Government has signalled its intention to increase household energy efficiency by retaining the EPC as a required marketing tool.

"The stamp duty penalty would be a further incentive for homeowners to make energy saving improvements to their homes and would be a part of the proposed Green Deal initiative, which includes measures to help

homeowners pay for efficiency improvements."

The stamp duty penalty suggestion was included in a report commissioned by former Chancellor Alastair Darling and could be tied in with a package of energy saving incentives.

Marc Blomfield added: "The Government is committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions and sees households as the major target. More than 40 per cent of the UK's CO2 emissions result from choices people make as individuals, with the majority coming from the home."

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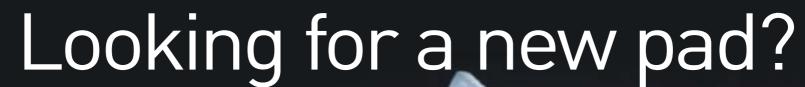
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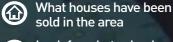


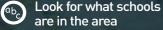






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Ref: P0154

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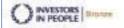
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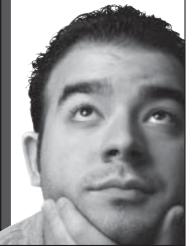
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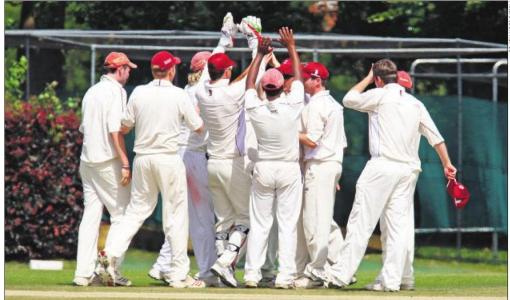
Alex Hogben anchored the innings with while Scott Narraway ensured Broadstairs registered a score in excess of 200 with an unbeaten knock of 62.

Chanda was the star performer with the ball, claiming figures of 4 for 37, while Scott Freeman took 3 for 40 in Broadstairs' 204 for 9.

After losing Andrew Crawford early on, Tim Curteis (59) and Chanda put on 105 for the second wicket to firmly put the visitors in the driving seat.

After Curteis departed, Chris Kidd then picked up the wickets of Daniel McDonald and Ben Daking, but Chanda held firm to register an unbeaten 93 to steer Tenterden home by six wickets.

Chanda shines as Tenterden leave it late to claim top spot



HIGH FIVES: Tenterden's Timir Chanda was the star of the innings as they defeated close rivals Broadstairs to claim top spot in the division

SCORE CARD

Broadstairs 1st XI

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LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Canterbury 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

A MEASURED batting performance from Ashford Town earned them a five-wicket win in a low scoring game at

The home side made a slow start with the bat, but once Paul Steer entered the fray the game seemed to be heading towards the hosts. He hit an impressive 88 not out, but that was the highlight of the innings as a collapse saw Canterbury finish on 181 for 8 after 50 overs.

While not hitting the big scores, Ashford's batsmen, led by Simon Taylor (56) and Luke Reeves (46), tamed the Canterbury bowlers and secured a comfortable win with two overs to spare.

.ct Sutton b Taylor. . . .ct Kennett b Ealham

Canterbury 1st XI

Simon Smith	ct Mc			
Ryan Minter				
Justin Macvicar	ct&b	Buckham		
Tim Wren	lbw b	Tegg		
Stuart Drakeley	ct Tav	lor b Buckh	am	
Josh Staunton	not oi	ıt		
Ben Cooper	did no	t bat		
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Bowlers				
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Simon Taylor	15	8	23	2
Ben Ealham	12	2	40	1
Liam Tegg	12	0	51	1
Craig Buckham	11	1	56	4
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Ryan Minter Justin Macvicar	10	3	34	2 1 2 0
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Tim Wren	14	3	38	2
Ben Cooper	9		40	
Stuart Drakeley	2	0	12	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Old Williamsonians 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

A DISAPPOINTING showing with the bat saw Wye collapse to a 99-run-defeat at Old Williamsonians.

The hosts batted first and made the most of the conditions by storming to 270 for 6 after 46 overs. The innings included three half-centuries, courtesy of Hugo Parnell (50), Adam Ling (71) and Jonathan Child (69).

With such a tough total to chase Wye needed to score heavily and quickly to stay in the game.

But Wye's batsmen were unable to keep up with the required run rate and finished on 181 for 9.

Old Williamsonians 1st XI

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Simon Wood				
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Stuart Wise	b Par	nell		
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David Child	9	0	9	0
Alex Fisher	9	2	34	2

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B CENTRAL Willesborough 1st XI v Gore Court 3rd XI

AN IMPRESSIVE spell from Willesborough's bowlers helped set up a convincing nine-wicket victory against Gore Court 3rd XI.

The hosts dominated from the outset with wickets falling at regular intervals. Vishal Sajikumar was the star of the innings as he took four wickets on the way to helping his side bowl Court out for just 75.

It took Willesborough only 15 overs to complete an impressive victory with Jez Sharp (39), Graeme Marsh (18) and Harry Back (5) hitting the winning runs.

ct Marsh b Thomas

Gore Court 3rd X1

Daniel Glazier

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Stuart Wilmer John Scamp James Thomas	did no did no	t bat t bat		
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Alex Kingsnorth Tom Passey	2 3 2	0	14 15	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Mersham Sports 1st XI v Yalding 1st XI

Extras (8lb 8w).

Alamgir Sheriyar 15

Liam Narraway Michael Ross

Total (4 wickets, 49.5 overs).....

33 36 62

RUNS from David Harman and Rob Wilson helped guide Mersham Sports to a four-wicket win against Yalding.

The visitors struggled to settle into any rhythm at the crease with only three of their batsmen reaching double figures. Matthew Thomas (23) was the only one to provide any resistance, but he couldn't prevent Yalding being bowled out for 99.

Mersham made hard work of the run chase, but Harman (43) and Wilson (31) led the hosts to victory to extend their lead at the top of the division.

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Zeeshan Fazal				
Anthony Shepherd				
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Matthew Fagg				
Rob Wilson				
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John Southern				
Kevin Wise				
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Make or break for Town as warring owners clash over what's best for club

TROUBLED Ashford Town are back in court tomorrow as chairman Don Crosbie attempts to take the club into administration.

The move is the latest in a boardroom tussle as Crosbie and co-owner Tony Betteridge battle for control.

Earlier this month Betteridge issued a winding up petition in a bid to shut the club down and re-form, while Crosbie last week announced administration was the only route, as he claims it would allow Town to pay off the debts they owe.

As it stands both directors have a 50 per cent share in the club, although Betteridge owns the freehold of the Homelands ground, which means decisions and the paying of bills has to be done by both owners.

With the two directors at loggerheads, a suspension from all football handed out by the Football Association (FA), resignation from the Ryman League, a winding up order and the threat of administration all to deal with, starting the season as a senior club is looking increasingly unlikely.

Town have applied to join the Kent League

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

next season, but face a race against time as they need the FA ban to be lifted this week in order for the league to host an extraordinary general meeting, where full approval is needed from all clubs affiliated to the league.

This, all before the Kent League season begins in less than two weeks.

Crosbie told Yourashford he expects the club to be playing competitive football this coming season and that administration is the only way to save the club from extinction.

Administration

He said: "I'm as confident as I can be that we will be playing in the Kent League. At the minute there is a boardroom deadlock and myself and Tony are unable to come to an agreement about anything.

"I have had to seek the court's advice and administration is the only way to go to keep this club alive.

"With 50-50 ownership, a majority vote is

needed for any decision to be made, which includes paying bills. I could pay, and I will pay the fees owed to Ebbsfleet, but it will have to come out of my own pocket."

Betteridge, on the other hand, believes it is highly unlikely Ashford will have their house in order in time to register for the Kent League and expressed his disappointment at the effect the boardroom battle is having on the club.

He said: "I don't know how long this is going to take. I will do my utmost not to go down the administration route.

"If they (Ashford) leave it to the last minute to pay the FA and Ebbsfleet, I don't see how they will be accepted into the Kent League.

"I'm extremely sad it's come to this. My aim isn't that the supporters should lose their club, but for this club to be shut down and start again because of the way it is being run.

"It would be a short-term pain for a longterm good. I sympathise with the supporters to a far greater extent than they realise. "I put in a substantial amount of money to

"I put in a substantial amount of money to help the club last season and I want Ashford Town football to continue."

Log on to www.yourashford.co.uk for the latest from the administration hearing tomorrow.

ATHLETICS



GOLDEN GIRL: Dobriskey (left) aims for gold in Barcelona

Dobriskey is running into form at just the right time for Euros

LISA Dobriskey begins her quest for her first major championship gold medal for four years at the European Athletics Championships on Friday.

The Ashford-born 1500-metre runner heads into the championships, held in Barcelona, as one of the favourites for the title and is keen to underline her label as one of the world's best middle distance runners.

The reigning Commonwealth champion has endured an indifferent season so far, but appears to be peeking at just the right time. Dobriskey, who has been suffering from

Dobriskey, who has been suffering from a niggling back injury, ran close to her personal best of 3 minutes 59.50 seconds at the Diamond League meeting in Paris earlier this month.

She will enter the event, which is one of the last major championships before the London 2012 Olympics, as the third fastest European this season, behind Russian Anna Alminova and France's Hind Dehiba.

If she progresses through Friday's heat she will line up in the final on Sunday at 10.15pm.

Lovell says he won't turn his back and leave Ashford

FOOTBALL

STEVE Lovell insists he has no intention of walking away from Ashford Town, but remains frustrated by the ongoing boardroom battle at the club.

The Town boss has been a bystander while a long-running dispute between Ashford's co-owners Don Crosbie and Tony Betteridge continues to threaten the club's future.

Lovell, who joined the club almost three years ago, confirmed he will stay in charge despite uncertainty over whether Ashford will be able to register as a senior side for this coming campaign. Ashford, who have filed to enter administration, also face a winding up petition and are suspended from all football by the Football Association.

The Nuts and Bolts also resigned from the Ryman League last week which means they face a race against time to be accepted into the Kent League, and Lovell is clinging on to hope the club will be able to play competitive football this season.

He said: "Obviously we all want to see the off the field problems resolved. I am not going anywhere and assistant manager Mark Patterson is the same.

"We are committed to the club and will carry on our jobs here. It $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots,4\right\}$

is frustrating we can't play friendlies and the fact we don't know what division we are playing in, but that is the situation.

"We hope things will be sorted out soon and we look forward to starting the Kent League season."

While the boardroom problems are having an effect on first-team matters in terms of whether they will take to the field next season, the chairman has assured supporters the youth section and Academy will continue to function.

Crosbie said: "The Academy and youth set-up are separate to Ashford Town and have different registrations so they will continue to operate."



STAYING PUT: Steve Lovell hopes to lead his side out in the Kent League

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